

CLAIMS:

1. A multi-piece solid golf ball comprising a solid core consisting of a center core and an outer core, an inner cover layer and an outer cover layer, wherein the solid core is  
5 molded from a rubber composition comprising
- 100 parts by weight of a base rubber composed of (a)  
20 to 100 wt% of a polybutadiene having a cis-1,4 content of  
at least 60% and a 1,2 vinyl content of at most 2%, having a  
10 viscosity  $\eta$  at 25°C as a 5 wt% solution in toluene of up to  
600 mPa·s, being synthesized using a rare-earth catalyst, in  
combination with (b) 0 to 80 wt% of a diene rubber other than  
component (a),
- (c) 10 to 60 parts by weight of an unsaturated  
15 carboxylic acid or a metal salt thereof or both,
- (d) 0.1 to 5 parts by weight of an organosulfur  
compound,
- (e) 5 to 80 parts by weight of an inorganic filler,  
and
- 20 (f) 0.1 to 5 parts by weight of an organic peroxide;
- the center core has a JIS-C hardness of 40 to 60 on  
its center and a JIS-C hardness of 55 to 75 on its surface  
and the difference therebetween is at least 10, the outer  
core is harder than the surface hardness of the center core,  
25 the cross-sectional hardness of 1 mm outside from the border  
between the center core and the outer core is from 65 to 85  
on a JIS-C hardness, the surface of the outer core has a  
JIS-C hardness of 75 to 95,
- the inner cover layer has a Shore D hardness of 50 to  
30 80, the outer cover layer has a Shore D hardness of 35 to 60,  
and
- the outer cover layer has a lower Shore D hardness  
than the inner cover layer.

2. The golf ball of claim 1, wherein the polybutadiene (a) satisfies relationship:  $10B + 5 \leq A \leq 10B + 60$ , wherein A is the Mooney viscosity ( $ML_{1+4}$  (100°C)) of the polybutadiene and B is the ratio  $M_w/M_n$  between the weight-average molecular weight  $M_w$  and the number-average molecular weight  $M_n$  of the polybutadiene.

3. The golf ball of claim 1, wherein the diene rubber (b) includes 30 to 100 wt% of a second polybutadiene which has a cis-1,4 content of at least 60% and a 1,2 vinyl content of at most 5%, has a Mooney viscosity ( $ML_{1+4}$  (100°C)) of not more than 55, and satisfies the relationship:

$$\eta \leq 20A - 550,$$

wherein A is the Mooney viscosity ( $ML_{1+4}$  (100°C)) of the second polybutadiene and  $\eta$  is the viscosity of the second polybutadiene, in mPa·s, at 25°C as a 5 wt% solution in toluene.

4. The golf ball of claim 3, wherein the second polybutadiene in component (b) is synthesized using a Group VIII catalyst.

5. The golf ball of claim 1, wherein the center core has a diameter of 15 to 36 mm and the outer core has a thickness of 1.5 to 10 mm, and the inner cover layer has a thickness of 0.2 to 3.0 mm and the outer cover layer has a thickness of 0.2 to 2.0 mm.